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The mission of the Arizona Department of Public Safety's Crime Victim Services Unit is to effectively administer VOCA Assistance funds by ensuring appropriate and accessible services are available to crime victims, enhancing the delivery of those services through technical assistance, training opportunities, and promoting a continuum of care for every victim in every community.



The Clothesline Project

The Clothesline Project is a national effort to raise awareness about violence such as sexual assault, sexual abuse, domestic violence, and hate crimes targeted towards sexual orientation. Survivors of violence and their loved ones, or anyone who feels personally touched by these types of violence, can create T-shirts to commemorate their experiences. In Arizona T-shirts are displayed at awareness events statewide. They hang shoulder to shoulder on a clothesline, a strong testimony to the pain and healing of survivors everywhere.

In honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, on Monday April 2, 2007, the kickoff event begins at 12:00pm at the Phoenix City Hall Atrium. Among invited speakers are Governor Janet Napolitano, Arizona State Senator Waring, City of Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon, City of Phoenix Councilwoman Peggy Bilstein, and Miss Arizona Hillary Grifith. There will be music, messages of hope and empowerment, and performances from Arizona Women in Tune and the youth activists of Peer Solutions, Inc. Please join us

and take some time to walk the Clothesline Display, where over 500 shirts made by survivors and their loved ones will hang shoulder-to-shoulder.

During the week April 2 – 6, some of the shirts will be on display at the Phoenix City Hall Atrium.

Fiscal Year 07/08 DPS VOCA Award Process



The FY 2007/2008 DPS VOCA Assistance application process ended March 26, 2007. DPS-VOCA Grant Coordinators will begin the evaluation process and finalize funding recommendations on or about May 15, 2007.

Approximately \$8.4 million is available for awards and it is anticipated that approximately 105 projects will be funded.

2007 National Crime Victims' Rights' Week April 22 - 28, 2007



This year's theme, "Victims' Rights: Every Victim. Every Time.," summons our nation to advance the rights of victims and expand the services they need to rebuild their lives. It reminds us that every victim

deserves respect and compassion, assistance to recover from the impact of crime, and full access to the criminal justice system. It envisions a society that powerfully and systematically supports all victims of crime regardless of their circumstances.

The National Center for Victims of Crime is proud to join their partner, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime, in presenting the *2007 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Resource Guide*. To learn more about the 2007 NCVRW Resource Guide, and take advantage of the resources they offer visit www.ncvc.org or the National Crime Victim Helpline, 1-800-FYI-CALL.

The Helpline offers crime victims current information on available programs and services, direct advocacy, and referrals to more than 12,000 local organizations that serve crime victims throughout the United States.

For more information about 2007 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, visit: www.ovc.org.

Arizona Events Calendar

Apr 22, Cochise County Attorney's Office Victim Witness Program in Sierra Vista, plans to collaborate with numerous businesses, area medical centers, victim service providers, law enforcement agencies and faith based organizations to hold a 5k Run/Walk and Victims' Rights Fair at the Veterans Memorial Park to promote National Crime Victims Rights' Week (NCVRW). Ribbons and t-shirts will be created to commemorate the week. Resource booths sponsored by allied professionals will provide NCVRW magnets, bookmarks and victims' rights handouts in English and Spanish. Other activities for children will include jumping castles, face-painting and balloon animals. NCVRW related events will be promoted through grocery bag inserts, promotional flyers in English/Spanish, radio and newspapers announcements and billboards throughout the county displaying the NCVRW theme, "Victims Rights: *Every Victim, Every Time.*" For additional information regarding the event contact:

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Apr 23, Join Governor Janet Napolitano at 10:00 am at the State Capitol, Executive Tower, 1st Floor Lobby, 1700 W. Washington, Phoenix, to help raise awareness across Arizona for Na-

tional Crime Victims Rights' Week (NCVRW). Speakers will include Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard, Arizona Supreme Court Vice Chief Justice Rebecca White Berch, Arizona Department of Corrections Director Dora Schriro, and Phoenix City District 6 Councilman Greg Stanton. Other state and local agency representatives, including Arizona Department of Public Safety Director Roger Vanderpool, will be in attendance to support this event. There will be many other public rallies, candlelight vigils and a host of commemorative activities throughout Arizona and the rest of the country during this week.



Apr 25, Will mark the fourth Annual Denim Day in Arizona. Make a powerful statement without saying a word: Arizonans across the state are urged to wear jeans to work on this day to raise awareness and dispel harmful myths about sexual violence. For additional information regarding this event contact: Elizabeth Houde or visit: www.arizonasexualassaultnetwork.com.



Apr 28, The 5th Annual Walk to End Domestic

Violence event will take place at the Wesley Bolin Plaza, 17th Avenue and Adams in downtown Phoenix by the Capitol. The walk serves to raise community awareness of domestic violence issues and is a fundraiser for Maricopa County domestic violence shelters and service providers. For more information regarding this event or to register visit: www.azfoundationforwomen.org.

Training Opportunities

May 1-2, Arizona's 2nd Statewide Substance Abuse Conference, Partnerships to Prevent Underage Drinking Through Policy, Education & Enforcement, will be held at the downtown Phoenix Wyndham. This conference is for Law enforcement Educators, Advocates, School Resource Officers, Tribal Members and Service Providers interested in curbing underage drinking throughout Arizona.

The workshops will include: Substance Abuse Through Coalition Development in Tribal Communities, Community Solutions, Counter Advertising and "Zero Tolerance." The keynote speakers for these workshops include Ralph W. Hingson, ScD, MPH National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; Peter Monti, PhD, Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies, Brown University; and Bruce L.

Livingston, MPP, from the Marin Institute, among others. For further information about this conference or to register online visit: www.pcaaz.org.



Jun 24-29, The 2007 Arizona Victim Assistance Academy (AVAA) at the Radisson Woodlands Hotel, Flagstaff offers a rare opportunity to live, work, study and interact with victim service providers from all areas of the advocacy community.

This course provides a fundamental overview of the entire field of advocacy including victimology, victim rights, and victims' assistance for residents in Arizona. Currently there are slots remaining and AVAA is accepting applications. Mail the original copy of your completed application form and letter of recommendation, with signed commitment to: Connie Chapman
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